



AGENDA

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SPECIAL MEETING

(Board Retreat)

April 23, 2026

11:00 AM

**3100 Main Street, 9th Floor, Pacific Ocean Room, Houston,
Texas 77002**

**NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING
(Board Retreat)
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

HOUSTON CITY COLLEGE

April 23, 2026

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of Houston City College will hold a Special Meeting (Board Retreat) on Thursday, April 23, 2026 at 11:00 AM, or after, and from day to day as required, at 3100 Main Street, 9th Floor, Pacific Ocean Room, Houston, Texas 77002. The items listed in this Notice may be considered in any order at the discretion of the Chair or Board and items listed for closed session may be discussed in open session and vice versa as permitted by law. The Board may take final action with regard to items listed in this Notice without further action at a Regular Board Meeting.

I. Call to Order

- A. Opportunity for Public Comments

II. Topics For Discussion and or Action

- A. RIC Construction Robot R-0 with Educational Package (3DCP) (Sole Source Award)
- B. Aspen Presidents and Trustees Collaborative - Session 3

III. Adjournment to closed or executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071; 551.072 and 551.074, the Open Meetings Act, for the following purposes:

A. Legal Matters

Consultation with legal counsel concerning pending or contemplated litigation, a settlement offer, or matters on which the attorney's duty to the System under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Laws.

B. Personnel Matters

Deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer, employee or board member to hear complaints or changes against an officer, employee or board member unless the officer, employee or board member who is the subject of the deliberation or hearing requests a public hearing.

C. Real Estate Matters

Deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property for Agenda items if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the System in negotiations with a third person.

IV. Additional Closed or Executive Session Authority

If, during the course of the meeting covered by this Notice, the Board should determine that a closed or executive meeting or session of the Board should be held or is required in relation to any items included in this Notice, then such closed or executive meeting or session as authorized by Section 551.001 et seq. of the Texas Government Code (the Open Meetings Act) will be held by the Board at that date, hour and place given in this Notice or as soon after the commencement of the meeting covered by the Notice as the Board may conveniently meet in such closed or executive meeting or session concerning:

Section 551.071 - For the purpose of a private consultation with the Board's attorney about pending or contemplated litigation, a settlement offer, or matters on which the attorney's duty to the System under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Laws.

Section 551.072 - For the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person.

Section 551.073 - For the purpose of considering a negotiated contract for a prospective gift or donation to the System if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the System in negotiations with a third person.

Section 551.074 - For the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer, employee or board member to hear complaints or changes against an officer, employee or board member unless the officer, employee or board member who is the subject of the deliberation or hearing requests a public hearing.

Section 551.076 - To consider the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation of security personnel or devices, or a security audit.

Section 551.082 - For the purpose of considering discipline of a student or to hear a complaint by an employee against another employee if the complaint or charge directly results in a need for a hearing, unless an open hearing is requested in writing by a parent or guardian of the student or by the employee against whom the complaint is brought.

Section 551.084 - For the purpose of excluding a witness or witnesses in an investigation from a hearing during examination of another witness in the investigation. Should any final action, final decision, or final vote be required in the opinion of the Board with regard to any matter considered in such closed or executive meeting or session, then such final action, final decision, or final vote shall be at either:

A. The open meeting covered by this Notice upon the reconvening of the public meeting, or

B. At a subsequent public meeting of the Board upon notice thereof, as the Board shall determine.

V. **Reconvene in Open Meeting**

VI. **Adjournment**

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING OR GIVING NOTICE

On this **17th day April 2026**, this Notice was posted at a place convenient to the public and readily accessible at all times to the general public at the following locations: (1) the HCC Administration Building of the Houston City College, 3100 Main, First Floor, Houston, Texas 77002 and (2) the Houston City College's website: www.hccs.edu.

Posted By:

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Director, Board Services

ACTION ITEM

Meeting Date: April 23, 2026

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ITEM #	ITEM TITLE	PRESENTER
A.	RIC Construction Robot R-0 with Educational Package (3DCP) (Sole Source Award)	Dr. Margaret Ford Fisher Robert McCracken Warren Hurd

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Chancellor to execute a sole source contract with RIC Technology to provide the RIC-0 3D Printer with Education Package, in support of Northwest College - West Houston Institute.

COMPELLING REASON AND BACKGROUND

- The RIC-0 3D Printer with Education Package is an advanced, large-format robotic 3D printing system designed to support training and applied learning in construction automation. The system is capable of printing volumes up to 97.2 cubic meters (3,432 cubic feet), with a maximum build height of 2.7 meters, enabling the production of full-scale structures and installations.
- This solution includes a rapid four-hour setup, training for up to three operators, and full integration with RIC's industry-standard coding, control, and programming software. These features ensure that the system can be deployed efficiently while providing a comprehensive, hands-on learning environment.
- The acquisition of this system will enable students and trainees to develop critical workforce skills in robotics, digital fabrication, and construction technology. It offers an affordable, accessible, and industry-aligned training solution that directly supports emerging workforce demands in advanced manufacturing and construction sectors.
- RIC is currently partnering with WHI to launch the nation's first ASTM-certified training programs in construction 3D printing. This unique collaboration positions the College at the forefront of innovative workforce development and provides access to a program not widely available through other vendors.
- The education package mirrors the full-scale production technology used by RIC in real-world applications, including warehouses, multi-home developments, and data centers. This ensures participants gain practical experience using the same software and equipment deployed in industry settings.
- Additionally, RIC provides comprehensive training, ongoing maintenance, and upgrade support for the system. The platform is also future-ready, with planned expansion capabilities including plastic and metal printing, milling, and advanced robotics applications, ensuring long-term value

and adaptability.

FISCAL IMPACT

The projected expenditure is One Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$152,000) for a one-time purchase. The funding source shall be Grant funds for FY 2025-2026.

LEGAL REQUIREMENT

This recommendation to the Board of Trustees is in accordance with Texas Education Code Chapter 44.031(j).

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

1. Student Success, 4. Community Investment

This item is applicable to the following: Northwest

REPORT ITEM

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ITEM #	ITEM TITLE	PRESENTER
B.	Aspen Presidents and Trustees Collaborative - Session 3	Dr. Margaret Ford Fisher Board of Trustees

DISCUSSION

Houston City College was selected to participate in the national “Aspen-Presidents & Trustees Collaborative” initiative. The collaborative is a year-long initiative to build the future of community college governance that ensures access, completion, and post-completion success for students in addition to strengthening the capacity of community college presidents and their boards to lead and sustain systemic student success reforms.

COMPELLING REASON AND BACKGROUND

Aspen Presidents and Trustees Collaborative is a national initiative designed to strengthen the capacity of community college presidents and their boards to lead and sustain systemic student success reforms.

The collaborative sessions are scheduled as follows:

- September 5, 2025: CEO Orientation (Presidents Only)
- December 5, 2025: Session 1: Presidents, Board Executive Committee
- January 28, 2026: Session 2: Presidents and full Board (Virtual Session)
- April 23, 2026: Session 3: Presidents and full Board (Virtual Session)

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

1. *Student Success*

This item is applicable to the following: District